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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FERNANDEZ SENDS CONDOLENCES FOR VIRGINIA
TECH TRAGEDY

¶1. President Leonel Fernandez expressed his condolences for the Virginia Tech tragedy to President Bush in an April 17 letter (received by the Embassy on April 19). An unofficial translation of the letter follows.

¶2. Begin translation.

April 17, 2007
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Sir
George Bush
President of the United States
The White House

Dear President Bush:

Please accept my fraternal greetings. I would like to express our deepest sympathies for the tragedy that cost the lives of 33 students at Virginia Tech University, a tragedy that has disheartened the people of the United States and the international community.

In moments such as this, it is important that the family members of the victims and the community of the United States feel the moral support and solidarity expressed by the nations that appreciate the value of life and the respect of human rights.

We hope that the families of the fallen students find consolation to alleviate the negative effects of this unfortunate event that has disheartened all of us.

Cordially,

Leonel Fernandez
President of the Dominican Republic

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